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1. LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE: COMMENTS BY SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR T. KOH CHARGING THE U.S. WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOOMING FAILURE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN A PORTUGUESE NEWS AGENCY (ANOP) DISPATCH PUBLISHED AUGUST 30 IN "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS". THE INTRANSIGENCE OF LITTORAL NATIONS, ACCORDING TO KOH'S ALLEGED STATEMENTS, ENCOURAGED BY THE UNILATERAL ENACTMENT BY THE U.S. OF MEASURES IT HAD PREVIOUSLY CONDEMNED, BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY EVENTUAL FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE. KOH SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THE EXPANSION OF THE LIMITS OF U.S. FISHING JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES AND THE IMPENDING MINING OF UNDERSEA MINERAL RESOURCES BY U.S. COMPANINES AS TYPE OF MEASURES HE HAD IN MIND.

2. OPERATION SAIL 76: THE RETURN TO PORTUGAL OF PORTUGUESE NAVY TRAINING BARK "SAGRES" AFTER ITS PARTICIPATION IN U.S. BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS WAS PLAYED UP -- FREQUENTLY ON FRONT PAGES -- BY AUGUST 28 AND 30 PORTUGUESE PRESS. ARTICLES GENERALLY STRESSED THE "SAGRES" SUCCESS AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL AS MEASURED BY ITS HIGH POPULARITY WITH THE AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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